on date;

(b) the details of norms for determining sanction of posts of PGT (Commerce) in such Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) whether these have been adhered to during the preceding three sessions in case of Lucknow and Bhopal regions; and

(d) if not, the reasons and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There are 143 Kendriya Vidyalayas with commerce stream as on date.

(b) to (d) Subject-wise PGTs are sanctioned depending upon the stream existing and period requirement of each subject in a Kendriya Vidyalaya. This has been followed for Kendriya Vidyalayas in Lucknow and Bhopal also.

Development of Beekeeping in Kerala

275. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Kerala for the Development of beekeeping;

(b) if so, since when the said proposal is pending with the Government; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action on the proposal, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Agriculture received a proposal sent by the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare, Government of Kerala during July, 1996. The proposal contained request for financial support for activities/ components already approved by the Ministry for Kerala under the Central Sector Scheme of Development of Beekeeping for Improving Crop productivity and being implemented by the State Farming Corporation Ltd., Punular, which has been identified as the State Designated Agency for implementing the scheme in Kerala. This has been conveyed to the Minister of Industries & Social Welfare, Kerala in August, 1996.

Funds for Implementation of Programmes in West Bengal

276. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated 20th August, 1996 from West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation, Calcutta, for release of funds for implementation of the programmes; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Admissible grants of year 1996-97 amounting to Rs. 8.60 lakhs have been released to the West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation, Calcutta.

Foodgrains Production

277. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated foodgrains production this year, cereal-wise:

(b) the comparative figures for the last